

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): An automated mechanism to deposit oil paint or similar substances onto [[on-]]a canvas.
2. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 1, wherein said automated mechanism contains a paint deposition mechanism which is capable of moving in three dimensions.
3. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 1, wherein said automated mechanism uses a syringe to deposit said paint.
4. (currently amended): An automated mechanism to deposit and redistribute oil paint or a similar substance onto [[on-]]a canvas.
5. (currently amended): The automated mechanism of claim 4, wherein said automated mechanism contains a paint deposition mechanism which is capable of moving in three dimensions.
6. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 4, wherein said automated mechanism uses a syringe to deposit said paint.
7. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 4, wherein said automated mechanism uses a brush to redistribute said paint.

8. (currently amended): An automated mechanism to deposit oil paint or similar substances onto [[on-]] a canvas comprising:

an attachment mechanism through which a canvas suitable for painting is held in place;

a deposition mechanism for depositing a selectable amount of paint through a well defined opening onto a canvas held by said attachment mechanism;

a motion control mechanism, attached to said deposition mechanism to move said deposition mechanism to a desired position with respect to the canvas; and

a control system which receives external data describing an amount of a given paint which is to be deposited at a pre-determined position onto [[on-]] the canvas and which controls said motion control system and paint deposition mechanism.

9. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 8, further comprising a painting implement attached to said motion control system to be used to redistribute paint on the canvas.

10. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 9, wherein said painting implement is a brush.

11. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 8, wherein said motion control mechanism uses belt-driven actuators.

12. (original): The automated mechanism of claim 8, wherein said deposition mechanism comprises a syringe.

13. (withdrawn): non-elected. An automated method of painting a picture having three-dimensional texture, comprising the steps of:

inputting into a painting machine a data base which contains at least instructions on colors of paint, locations of their deposition, and amounts of paint to be distributed;

loading a known color of paint into a paint distribution mechanism which is part of said painting machine;

repeatedly depositing given amounts of said known color of paint at respective locations described in said instructions;

repeating said loading step and said depositing step for each color specified in said data base.

14. (withdrawn): non-elected. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of redistributing the paint after at least some of said depositing steps, using a utensil which is moved by said painting machine.

15. (withdrawn): non-elected. The method of claim 14, wherein said utensil comprises a brush.

16. (withdrawn): non-elected. The method of claim 14, wherein said utensil comprises a painting knife.

17. (withdrawn): non-elected. The method of claim 14, wherein said known color of paint is an acrylic paint.

18. (withdrawn): non-elected. The method of claim 14, wherein said known color of paint is an oil paint.

19. (new): The mechanism of claim 1, wherein said mechanism produces a work of art.

20. (new): The mechanism of claim 1, wherein said mechanism produces an original work of art.

21. (new): The mechanism of claim 4, wherein said mechanism produces a work of art.

22. (new): The mechanism of claim 4, wherein said mechanism produces an original work of art.

23. (new): The mechanism of claim 8, wherein said mechanism produces a work of art.

24. (new): The mechanism of claim 8, wherein said mechanism produces an original work of art.